Affairs. I propose returning early in the Spring, and have C.S.J. Inducements to believe that I shall have an Opportunity of rendering some Service to the general Cause; if, however, in the present Exigency of the Times my Voyage is deemed improper, I shall decline any further Thoughts of prosecuting it.

I am very respectfully
Gentlemen, Your most obedt hble. Servt
Thos lenings

Septr Ist 1775.

Upon [reading of which ordered] That M^r Jenings be informed that [the Council] see no Impropriety in his Prosecution of his [intention] to go to England.

The following Advertisement was ordered to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette.

The Council of Safety desirous of forwarding the Intentions of the Convention in promoting the Manufacture of Salt, Saltpetre, Gunpowder, and fire Arms, request any persons who are inclined to engage, on liberal Encouragement, in the Manufacture of Fire Arms, or to erect a powder Mill in the neighborhood of Baltimore Town, where it will be most beneficial; or Salt, or Saltpetre-works, that they will send their Proposals in Writing to Gabriel Du Vall Clerk of the Council of Safety and they shall be attended to, and speedily answered.

Resolved That the Honble Daniel of S' Thomas Jenifer Esq^r Charles Carroll (of Carrollton) Esq^r and M^r Charles Wallace, or any of them, be empowered to contract for the making and Delivery of any number not exceeding 1000 good substantial proved Musquets, of the same Dimensions and with the same Accoutrements with those for which M^r Beatty is empowered to contract, and for the same price, and may contract to advance in the same manner.

Ordered, That the Treasurer [of the Western Shore] pay unto the Honble Daniel of S^t Thomas Jenifer Esq^r Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esq^r and Charles Wallace, or any of them, or their or either of their Order, five thousand three hundred and thirty three Dollars and one third of a Dollar out of the Bills of Credit in his Hands to enable them to advance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Thomas Johnson Jun Esq be empowered to contract for the making and Delivery of any number not exceeding 1000 good substantial proved Musquets, of the same Dimensions and with the same Accourrements with those for which M Beatty is empowered to contract and for the same price; and may contract to advance in the same Manner.